days, prices have actually gone up. The question of fixing the prices is entirely in the hands of the Central Government. I think the State Government have sufficiently fortified themselves to press for a revision of the price structure.''

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—'' In view of the fact that our area is an important cotton area and there are a large number of handloom weavers, will this Government advise the Central Government to include a representative of ours in the Price Fixation Board so that we may have a voice in such a vital matter as fixation of prices of cotton and yarn? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' The matter will be considered, Sir.''

SRI A. J. ARUNACHALAM :—'' Are the Government aware that ex-mill rate for Pioneer's superior 60s and Alagappa's inferior 60s is the same and that for the same variety, people have to pay Rs. 56 for Pioneer's 60s 10 lb. and only Rs. 49 for Alagappa's, in the open market? Will the Government, therefore, be pleased to recommend to the Centre to fix separate rates for superior and inferior varieties of yarn? '' 10-40 a.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that a separate question may be put.''

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—'' The Hon. Minister has not given a clear answer to my question; it is a very simple question. Do the Government of Madras approve of the formula of the fixation of prices and if they approve, what is the basis to claim that there should be a reduction of prices? I suppose the House is entitled to have an answer to that question.''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' I have told the hon. Member that the Government of Madras have nothing to do in regard to the fixation of prices; it is the Central Government that do it and in arriving at that, they have got a formula but the State Government have nothing to do with it.''

Rallapadu Irrigation Division.

* 164 *Q.*—SRI C. V. K. RAO (on behalf of Sri K. Krishna Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Irrigation Division of the Executive Engineer, Rallapadu Division in Nellore district, is to be wound up and, if so, why? ''

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—'' The answer is in the negative.''

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—'' May I know if the Government are going to re-arrange the existing engineering divisions and, if so, would they consider the desirability of each backward district being given one Executive Engineer for Irrigation? ''

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—'' I suggest to the hon. Member to put a separate question.''